IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD

(Special Original Jurisdiction)

THURSDAY, THE FOURTEENTH DAY OF JULY
TWO THOUSAND AND FIVE

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE ELIPE DHARMA RAO

WRIT PETITION NO : 9413 of 2002

Between:

1. Convention of Baptist Churches of Northern Sarkars (CBCNC for short) Rep. by its Secretary, P.Palus.

2. The Central Baptist Church, Rep. by its Secretary Sr. KA.Theophilus, Akividu, West Godavari District.
(Cause title of the Petitioner No.2 is amended as per Court Order in WPMP 12284/02 DT. 18.6.2002)

..... PETITIONERS

AND

1 The District Collector,
West Godavari District, Eluru.
2 The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Narasapur, West Godavari District.
3 Mandal Revenue Officer,
Akividu Mandal, Akividu,
West Godavari District.
4 The Station House Officer,
Akividu Police Station, Akividu,
West Godavari District.

.....RESPONDENTS

Petition under Article 226 of the constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the Affidavit filed herein the High Court will be pleased to issue an appropriate Writ more in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the

action of the respondent No.2 in locking the Central Baptist Church, Akividu to prevent the Congregation of the 2nd petitioner Church from conducting the prayers as being arbitrary, illegal and violative of Articles 14 and 25 of the Constitution of India and issue a consequential direction to the respondent to forthwith remove the locks and permit the members of the Congregation to conduct the prayers in a peaceful manner.

Counsel for the Petitioner: MR.DAMMALAPATI GURAVAIAH CHAUDARY

Counsel for the Respondent Nos.1 to 3: GP FOR REVENUE

Counsel for the Respondent No.4: GP FOR HOME

The Court made the following:

Oral order:

This writ petition is filed seeking direction to the 2nd respondent to remove the locks fastened to the Central Baptist Church, Akividu to enable the congregation of the 2nd petitioner Church to conduct the prayers in a peaceful manner. This court, at the time of admission of the writ petition, on 21-05-2002 granted interim order directing the 2nd respondent to remove the locks of the Church forthwith to enable the petitioners to conduct the prayers.

Since the relief sought in the main writ petition and the interlocutory application is one and the same and this court on 21-05-2002 granted the interim directions, no further adjudication in this writ petition is required. Accordingly, the writ petition is disposed of. No costs.

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ELIPE DHARMA RAO, J

Dt. 14-07-2005

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